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Applicant: Xiang et al.

Title: SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION PROCESS AND STRUCTURE WITH MINIMIZED STRAINED SILICON CONSUMPTION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[X] Amendment and Reply Under 37 CFR 1.111 (7 pages)

[X] Formal Drawings Transmittal (1 page).

[X] Formal Drawings (8 Sheets; Figs. 1-15).

[X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
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[] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	$1,590.00	$0.00
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This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 28, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: